

## PATENT APPLICATION

Group Art Unit: 2174

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masahiro MACHIDA et al.

Application No.: 09/810,534

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OPERATING METHOD AND DEVICE, AND IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

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**AMENDMENT** 

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

For:

In reply to the January 20, 2004 Office Action, please consider the following:

Amendments to the claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.

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